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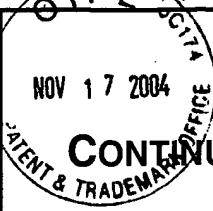
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 <p><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/706,867
	Filing Date	November 7, 2000
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	Group Art Unit	2122
	Examiner Name	Steelman, M.
	Attorney Docket Number	550-186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

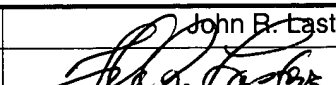
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- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
  - ☐ Previously submitted
    - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
 

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- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.
  - ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below:
 

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	\$ 790.00
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date November 19, 2004 months (less 1 month previously paid)	\$ 870.00
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
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  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

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